

CAPSULE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey No.: PG:LAU-17 (PACS 1.22) Construction Date: circa 1900

Name: Charles F. Shaffer House

Location: 130 Washington Boulevard, Laurel, Maryland

Private/Private Residence/Unoccupied/Fair/Restricted

Description:

The Charles F. Shaffer House is a 2½-story, 3-bay front-gable house on the east side of Washington Boulevard in Laurel, Prince George's County. Constructed circa 1900, the house is a side-passage plan with a 1-story side shed-roof addition and several rear additions. The structure has a front-gable roof covered in standing-seam metal, and an exterior end brick chimney. It is of wood-frame construction with asbestos siding, and it has a brick pier and concrete foundation. The windows are double-hung wood-sash.

Significance:

The Charles F. Shaffer House was built circa 1900 on a portion of the parcel which was purchased from James and Mary Clark in 1897. The other portion of the parcel was already improved with the Free Quill Building (PG:LAU-16), and was sold to Edmund Hill in 1898. Charles F. Shaffer owned a lumber yard at the corner of Main Street and First Street, across from the B & O Railroad Station. The property was sold in 1910 to Ormand Phair. Ormand Phair purchased the adjoining Free Quill Building in 1919. The heirs of Ormand Phair sold both properties to the Maryland Drug Company in 1958. The current owners purchased the properties in 1973.

Maryland Historical TrustDOE ☐yes ☐no**Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form****Montgomery-Prince George's Short-term Congestion Relief****1. Name:** (indicate preferred name)

historic Charles F. Shaffer House (preferred)

and/or common Heier Property II

2. Location:

street & number 130 Washington Boulevard

n/a not for publication

city, town Laurel

___ vicinity of

congressional district

state

Maryland

county

Prince George's

3. Classification:**Category**

___ district

☒ building(s)

___ structure

___ site

___ object

Ownership

___ public

☒ private

___ both

Public Acquisition

___ in process

___ being considered

☒ not applicable**Status**

___ occupied

☒ unoccupied

___ work in progress

Accessible☒ yes: restricted

___ yes: unrestricted

___ no

Present Use

___ agriculture

___ commercial

___ education

___ entertainment

___ government

___ industrial

___ military

___ transportation

___ museum

___ park

☒ private

residence

___ religious

___ scientific

___ other:

4. Owner of Property: (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Charles H. and Eileen M. Heier, Jr.

street & number 130 Washington Boulevard

telephone no.:

city,town Laurel

state and zip code Maryland 20707

5. Location of Legal Description

Land Records of Prince George's County

liber 4188

street & number Prince George's County Judicial Center

folio 56

city,town Upper Marlboro

state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date

___ federal

___ state

___ county

___ local

depository for survey records

city,town

state

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		date of move _____

Resource Count: 2

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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The west, or front elevation is composed of the front-gable main block and the 1-story shed-roof addition. The first story entrance is located in the third bay, on the southwest corner of the building. The first bay is in the addition, and has paired 1/1 double-hung windows. The second bay is in the front-gable main block, and also has paired 1/1 double-hung windows. The second story has a paired 1/1 double-hung window and a single 1/1 double-hung window. There are paired casement windows in the gable.

The south elevation has a slightly raised foundation, and is composed of the side of the main block and the rear additions. The main block has two 2/2 double-hung windows on each floor, located towards the rear of the building. The second story of the rear addition is sheathed in weatherboard and has a 6/6 double-hung window.

The east, or rear elevation is composed of the 2-story rear addition, the rear of the main block, and the 1-story shed-roof addition. The second story of the rear addition is sheathed in weatherboards, and has a 6/6 double-hung window. There is a fixed-light window in the gable. The chimney is located to the north of the gable peak on the rear of the main block. The main block has one 2/2 double-hung window on the second floor. The 1-story addition has a 6/6 double-hung window.

The north elevation is composed of the main block, the 1-story shed-roof addition, the 2-story rear addition, and an enclosed side porch. The 2-story rear addition has one 6/6 double-hung window on the second story. The enclosed porch has a bulkhead door in the basement level and a door centered on the asbestos-sided wall. The main block has one 2/2 double-hung window on the first floor, and two 2/2 double-hung windows on the second floor. The shed-roof addition has one 2/2 double-hung window located towards the front of the building.

There is one outbuilding associated with this property. The 1-story front-gable shed is located close to the southeast corner of the building. The shed is of wood-frame construction with German-siding, and it has a brick pier and concrete foundation. There is a door on the east elevation, and boarded windows on the west and north elevations.

The property is located on the east side of Washington Boulevard. It is surrounded by commercial properties to the north, south, and east, and by Washington Boulevard to the west. The current setting is a mixed commercial-residential neighborhood, similar to the historic setting.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
__prehistoric	__archaeology-prehistoric	__Community planning	__landscape architecture	__religion
__1400-1499	__archeology-historic	__conservation	__law	__science
__1500-1599	__agriculture	__economics	__literature	__sculpture
__1600-1699	__architecture	__education	__military	__social/
__1700-1799	__art	__engineering	__music	humanitarian
__1800-1899	__commerce	__exploration/settlement	__philosophy	__theater
X 1900-	__communication	__industry	__politics/government	__transportation
		__invention	__other (specify)	

Specific dates	circa 1900	Builder/Architect
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check: Applicable Criteria: __A__B__C__D
 and/or
Applicable Exceptions: __A__B__C__D__E__F__G

Level of Significance: __national__state__local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Charles F. Shaffer House was built circa 1900 on a portion of the parcel which was purchased from James and Mary Clark in 1897. The other portion of the parcel was already improved with the Free Quill Building (PG:LAU-16), and was sold to Edmund Hill in 1898. Charles F. Shaffer owned a lumber yard at the corner of Main Street and First Street, across from the B & O Railroad Station. The property was sold in 1910 to Ormand Phair. Ormand Phair purchased the adjoining Free Quill Building in 1919. The heirs of Ormand Phair sold both properties to the Maryland Drug Company in 1958. The current owners purchased the properties in 1973.

The Charles F. Shaffer House is located in Laurel. Laurel is located on land originally patented to Richard Snowden in 1715 as "Snowden's New Birmingham Manor" in Prince George's County. "Snowden's New Birmingham Manor" was approximately 1214 hectares (3000 acres) from Old Columbia Pike to the present city of Laurel, and from south of Greencastle and Van Dusen Roads to north of Sandy Spring Road. The 1715 patent increased the already substantial Snowden land holdings, and later additions to Snowden land eventually covered 3749 hectares (9265 acres) by 1743. (Cook 1976: 270-271).

The Snowden family had established a grist mill at Laurel about 1810. In 1824, the grist mill was adapted to spin cotton yarn that was shipped to textile mills. In 1835, the mill was converted back to a grist mill. Snowden family members and the O.C. Tiffany company of Baltimore established the Patuxent Cotton Manufacturing Company. Factory buildings were built along the river, and the town of Laurel developed as a manufacturing town along Main Street running between the factory and the B&O Railroad station (Prince George's County 1974: 283; Prince George's County Historical Society 1980: 37). Laurel became the largest town in the county. The textile mill provided the basis for Laurel's economy into the twentieth century. When textile output began to decline early in the century, Laurel began to develop as a suburb for both Washington and Baltimore. Located halfway between the two cities, Laurel was accessible to commuters by the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad and by U.S. 1 (Prince George's County 1974: 284).

The Charles F. Shaffer House is an example of a front-gable house which has been altered with rear and side additions. The front-gable house first appeared in the 1830s during the Greek Revival movement (McAlester and McAlester 1984, 90). This type was typically one-room wide and two-rooms deep, and fit easily on the narrow lots found in urban and early suburban areas. Porches were commonly placed across the front and rear elevations. Front-gable houses could feature details drawn from the Greek Revival, Gothic Revival, Queen Anne, or Craftsman movements.

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8. Significance (Continued)

During the late-nineteenth and early-twentieth centuries, many were constructed for working class families. These were often devoid of ornament. Front-gable houses appeared during the Agricultural-Industrial Transition Period and the Industrial/Urban Dominance Period.

There is also a shed on the property. Sheds are small utilitarian buildings used for the storage of non-food items, such as small tools, chemicals, or machines. Sometimes equipment such as generators or oil tanks are sheltered in sheds. They are often built to supplement the storage space available in structures designed for a specific function such as animal shelter, food storage, or food production. These multi-purpose sheds are difficult to categorize because of their simple building form and resemblance to other outbuildings. Most sheds are small wood-frame structures with gable roofs and few wall openings. Sheds are likely to be associated with domestic properties, as well as agricultural properties.

National Register Evaluation:

Constructed circa 1900, the Charles F. Shaffer House is not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. The property is not eligible under Criterion A, as research conducted indicates no association with any historic events or trends significant in the development of national, state, or local history. Historic research indicates that the property has no association with persons who have made specific contributions to history, and therefore, it does not meet Criterion B. It is not eligible under Criterion C, as it is an undistinguished example of a front-gable house which has been heavily altered. There have been side and rear additions, asbestos siding has been added, the fenestration pattern has been altered, and some of the windows have been replaced. Finally, the structure has no known potential to yield important information, and therefore, is not eligible under Criterion D.

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Eligibility recommended _____ Eligibility Not Recommended XX
Comments _____

Reviewer, OPS: [Signature] Date: 9/12/95
Reviewer, NR Program: [Signature] Date: 9/17/99

9. Major Bibliographical References Survey No PG:LAU-17(PACS 1.22)

See Attached

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____
Quadrangle name Laurel, MD Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title	Susan L. Taylor
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organization	P.A.C. Spero & Company	date	May 1998
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street & number	40 W. Chesapeake Avenue, Suite 412	telephone	(410) 296-1635
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city or town	Baltimore	state	Maryland
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The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposed only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

return to: Maryland Historical Trust
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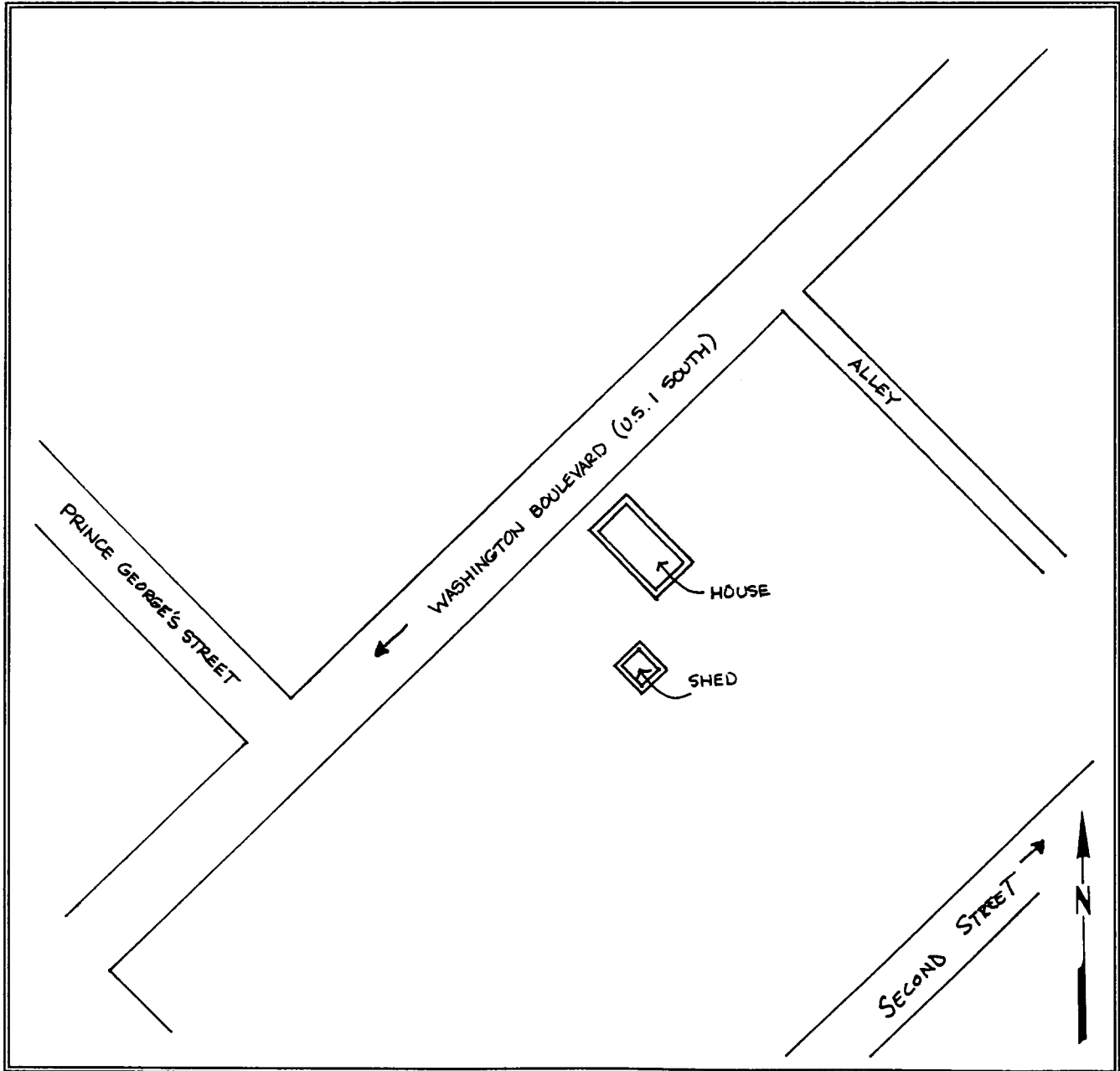
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Resource Sketch Map



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Maryland Comprehensive Historic Preservation Plan Data Sheet

Historic Context:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Western Shore

Chronological/Developmental Period Theme (s): Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture

RESOURCE TYPE:

Category (see Section 3 of survey form): Buildings

Historic Environment (urban, suburban, village, or rural): Village

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Private Residence

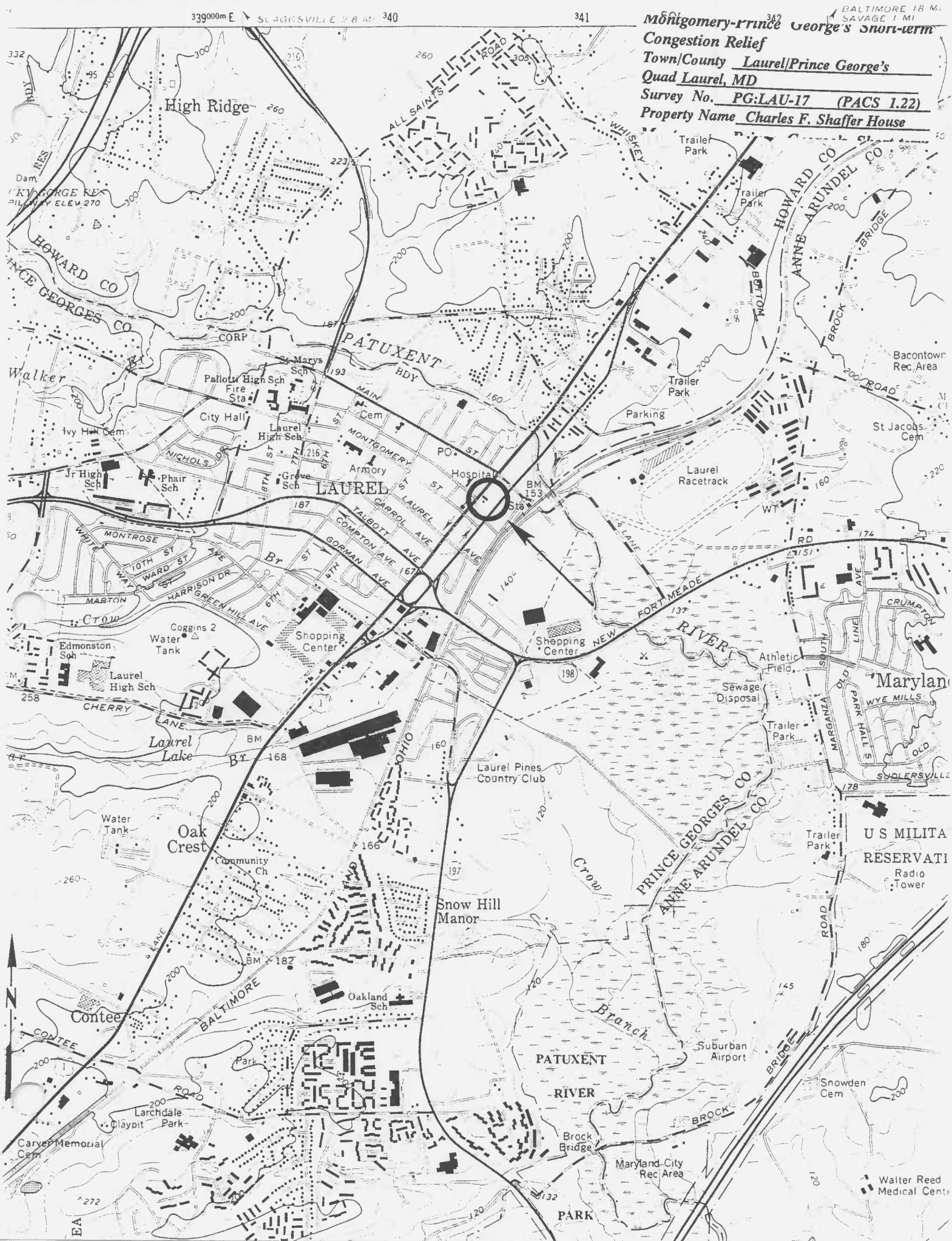
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May 1998

GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

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Montgomery-Prince George's Short-term
Congestion Relief
Town/County Laurel/Prince George's
Quad Laurel, MD
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Property Name Charles F. Shaffer House





- 1 PE-220-11
- 2 Charles F. Shaffer House
- 3 Prince Georges Co, Md
- 4 Susan Taylor
- 5 5/98
- 6 Md SHPO
- 7 NW corner
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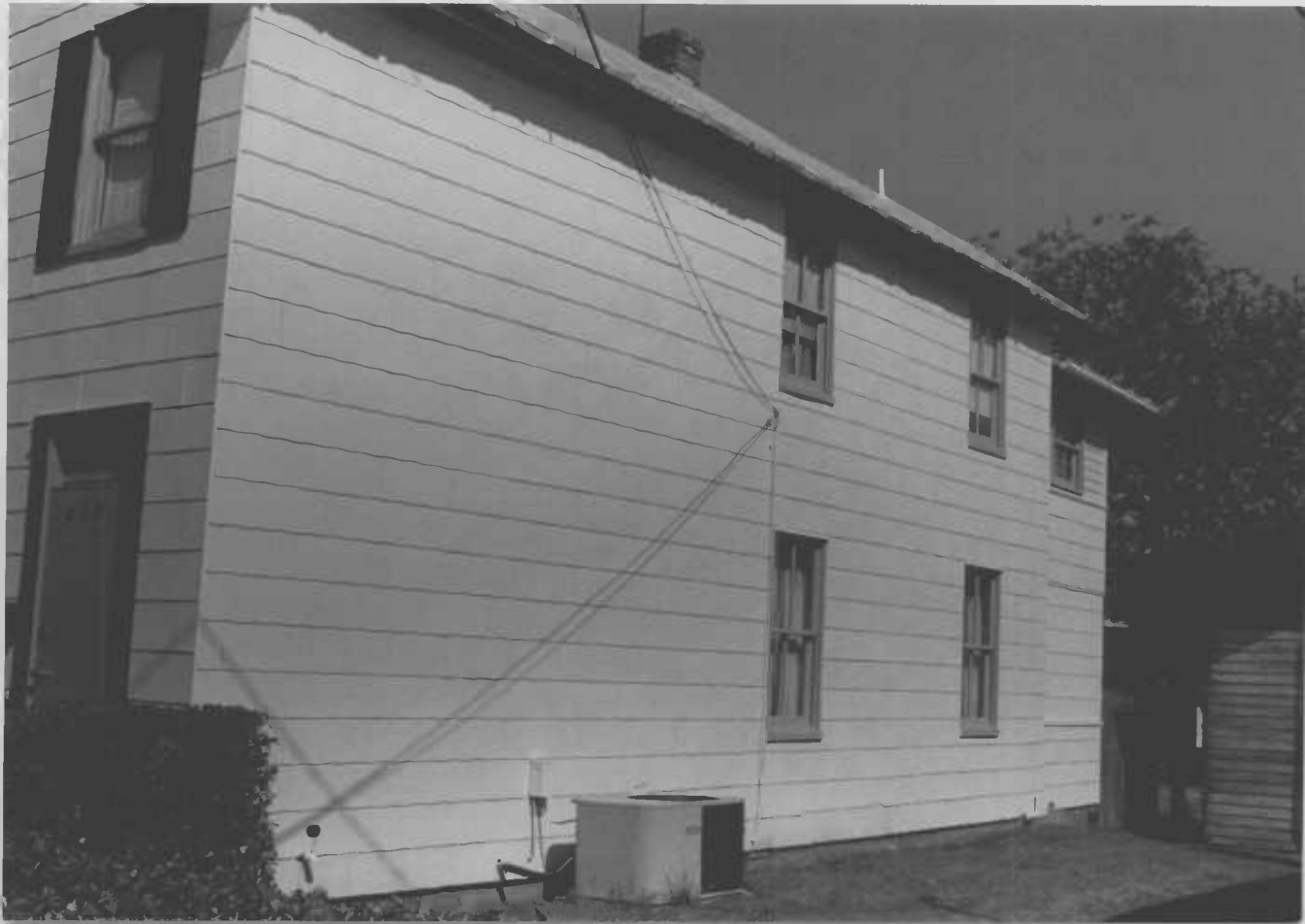
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- 1 PG Lane + 1
- 2 Chas. F. Shaffer House
- 3 Prince Georges Co Md
- 4 Susan Taylor
- 5 5127
- 6 Md State
- 7 SE corner House + Shed
- 8 5 of 9

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- 2 Charles F Shaffer
- 3 Prince Georges Co, Md
- 4 Susan Taylor
- 5 5198
- 6 Md STPS
- 7 E. L. L. L.
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- 2 Charles F. Smith, House
- 3 Prince Georges Co, Md
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